

**Text Books—preparation and publication by Government.**

**183. Mr. P. Raman Menon:—** (1) Have the Government done anything, and if so what, for the preparation and publication of text books by the Government direct as agreed upon in the previous Council;

(2) are the Government aware that at present text book trade has become almost the monopoly of a particular publishing firm in Trichur?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:—** (1) The matter is under consideration.

(2) No.

**Mr. P. Raman Menon:—** Has it taken any practical or tangible shape?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:—** They have been brought into effect. But definite recommendations were made to the Government and they are under the consideration of the Government. They are scrutinising to pass final orders.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—** How long has the Government been considering this question?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:—** Government have got also other questions to consider. It has been before them for little over a year.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—** What was the delay in formulating proposals?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:—** There was no delay.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—** How much time did the Director take to formulate proposals to the Government?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:—** A few months. Not over six months.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—** How long were these proposals before the Government?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:—** Over a year.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—** Will the Government be pleased to come to a definite conclusion before the time arrives for prescribing text books for the next school year?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:—** Yes.

**Mr. P. Raman Menon:—** How many Malayalam text books are there in the State accepted by the Department?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:—** I want notice.

**Mr. P. Raman Menon:—** I want to bring home to the Government that, as a matter of fact, it has become the monopoly of a particular firm in Trichur. It is only to see the number of books accepted and the number of books published by them.

**Mr. I. N. Menon:**— I may assure the Hon'ble Member that this firm publishes less than a third of the total books supplied.

**Mr. P. Raman Menon:**— My information is that it will be more than 90 per cent. Am I wrong?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:**— The Hon'ble Member is wrong.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**— May I know what are the proposals of the Director to the Government?

**Mr. President:**— The proposals of the Departmental heads cannot be divulged before they are considered by the Government.

**Mr. Devadhar's report on the inquiry into the Co-operative Movement in Cochin.**

**184. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received the report from Mr. Devadhar on the inquiry into the Co-operative Movement in Cochin;

(2) when did they receive it;

(3) whether any orders were passed upon it;

(4) whether they will be pleased to place a copy on the table?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**— (1) to (4) Mr. Devadhar has not yet submitted the report.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**— When did he finish his enquiry?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**— Early in January 1935.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:**— Did not the Diwan give a kind assurance in the recent sitting of the Standing Finance Committee that some reforms in the meantime would be given irrespective of the submission of the Devadhar report?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**— Yes.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:**— Will you kindly expedite that?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**— Every endeavour will be made.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:**— When do they expect to get the report?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**— About the end of August. Devadhar wrote to us that it will be submitted by the end of this month.

**Mr. A. V. Mootedan:**— May I know whether any time was fixed for the submission of the report?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**— There was no stipulation. But there was a promise that the report would be submitted early enough, by 30th January.

**Mr. A. V. Mootedan:**— Was he reminded?